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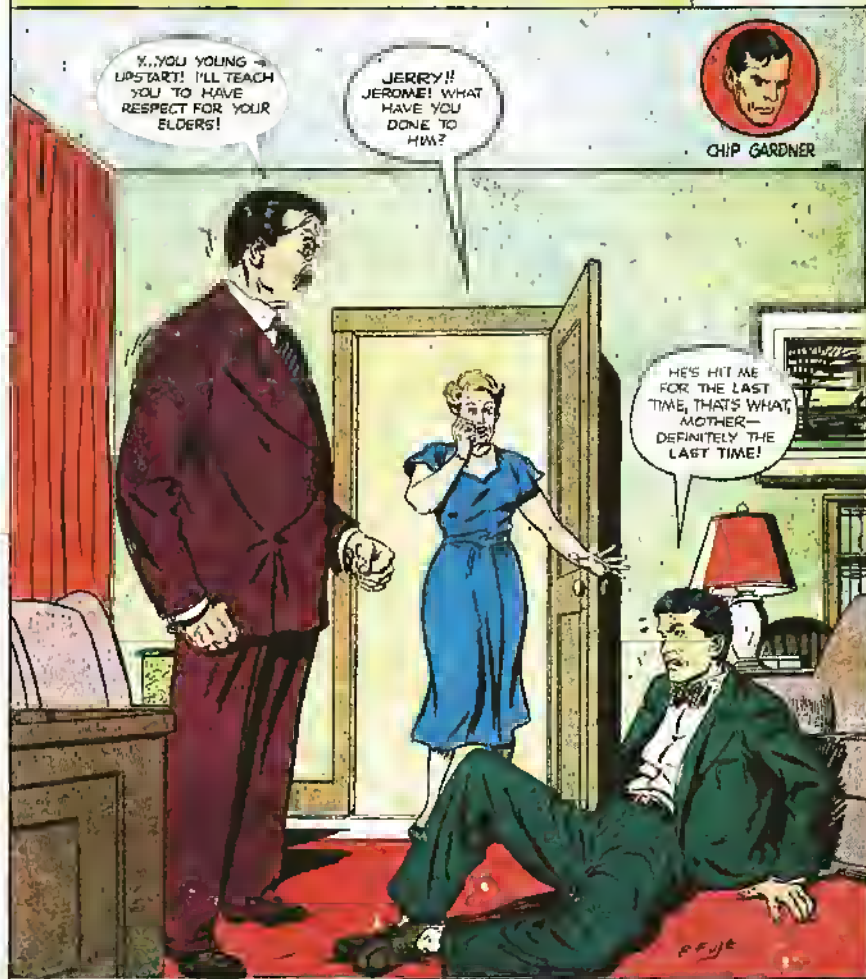
Y...YOU YOUNG
UPSTART! I'LL TEACH
YOU TO HAVE
RESPECT FOR YOUR
ELDERS!

JERRY!!
JEROME! WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE TO
HIM?



CHIP GARDNER

HE'S HIT ME
FOR THE LAST
TIME, THAT'S WHAT,
MOTHER—
DEFINITELY THE
LAST TIME!

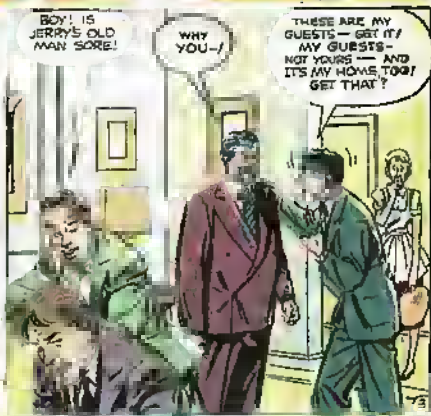
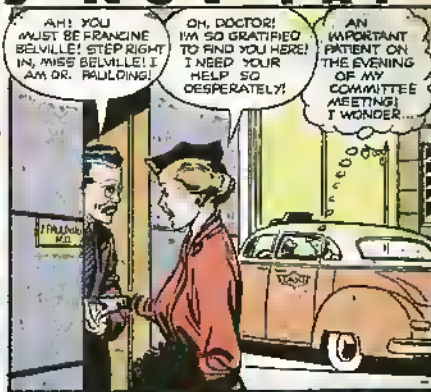
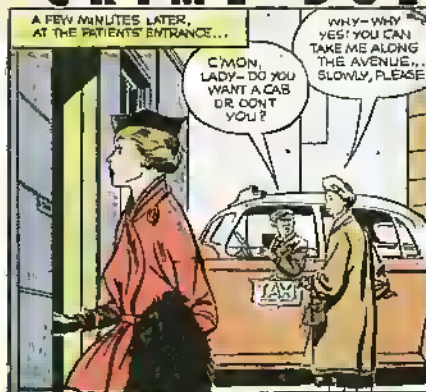


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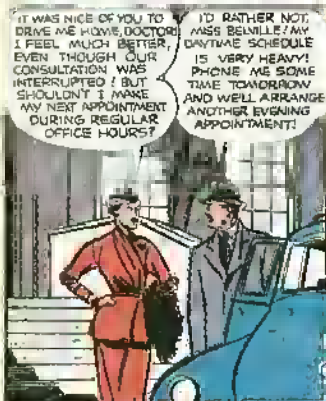
SUCH EFFRONTERY!
YOUR MOTHER SHALL
HEAR ABOUT THIS
TOMORROW!



I'M SORRY
IF I CAUSED YOU
ANY TROUBLE,
DOCTOR!

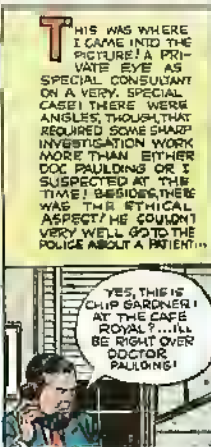
THAT'S QUITE ALL
RIGHT, MISS BEVILL!
JUST CALM YOURSELF!
I'LL SEE YOU HOME,
PERSONALLY!

THIS IS
SOMETHING
ELSE MY
MOTHER
SHALL HEAR
ABOUT!



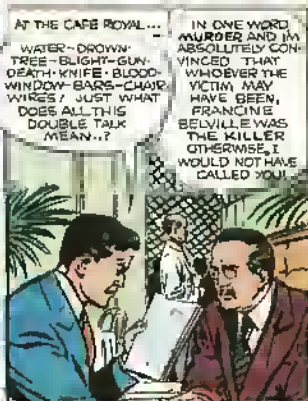
IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO
DRIVE ME HOME, DOCTOR!
I FEEL MUCH BETTER,
EVEN THOUGH OUR
CONSULTATION WAS
INTERRUPTED! BUT
SHOULDN'T I MAKE
MY NEXT APPOINTMENT
DURING REGULAR
OFFICE HOURS?

I'D RATHER NOT,
MISS BEVILL! MY
DAYTIME SCHEDULE
IS VERY HEAVY!
PHONE ME SOME
TIME TOMORROW
AND WE'LL ARRANGE
ANOTHER EVENING
APPOINTMENT!



THIS WAS WHERE
I CAME INTO THE
PICTURE! A PRIVATE EYE AS
SPECIAL CONSULTANT
ON A VERY SPECIAL
CASE! THERE WERE
ANGLES, THOUGH, THAT
REQUIRED SOME SHARP
INVESTIGATION WORK
MORE THAN EITHER
DOC PAULDING OR I
SUSPECTED AT THIS
TIME! BESIDES, THERE
WAS THE ETHICAL
ASPECT! HE COULDN'T
VERY WELL GO TO THE
POLICE ABOUT A PATIENT!

YES, THIS
CHIP GARDNER!
AT THE CAFE
ROYAL?... I'LL
BE RIGHT OVER
DOCTOR
PAULDING!



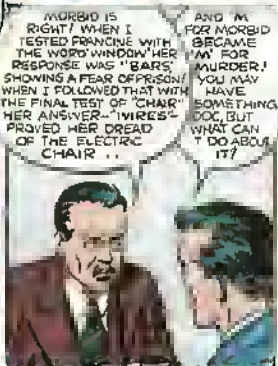
AT THE CAFE ROYAL...
WATER-DROWN-
TREE-BLIGHT-GUN-
DEATH-KNIFE-BLOOD-
WINDOW-BARS-CHAIR-
WIRES! JUST WHAT
DOES ALL THIS
DOUBT TALK
MEAN...?

IN ONE WORD
MURDER AND I'M
ABSOLUTELY CON-
VINCED THAT
WHOEVER THE
VICTIM MAY
HAVE BEEN,
FRANCINE
BEVILL WAS
THE KILLER
OTHERWISE, I
WOULD NOT HAVE
CALLED YOU!



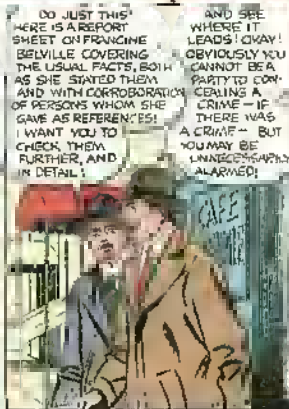
THESE WORD LINKS
REVEAL A PERSON'S SUB-
CONSCIOUS RESPONSES
LIKE DROWN, BLIGHT, DEATH,
KNIFE WERE ALL ON THE
SINISTER OR TRAGIC SIDE,
SHOWING THAT SUCH
FACTORS WERE
PREYING ON
FRANCINE'S
MIND!

MAYBE,
THEN AGAIN,
PERHAPS,
SHE WAS
JUST IN A
MORBID
MOOD!



MORBID IS
RIGHT! WHEN I
TESTED FRANCINE WITH
THE WORD WINDOW, HER
RESPONSE WAS "BARS",
SHOWING A FEAR OF PRISON!
WHEN I FOLLOWED THAT WITH
THE FINAL TEST OF "CHAIR",
HER ANSWER - "WIRES"
PROVED HER DREAD
OF THE ELECTRIC
CHAIR...

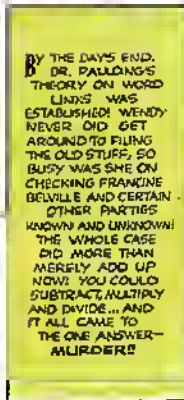
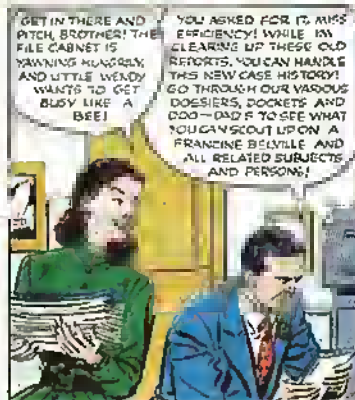
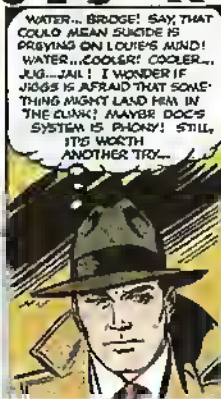
AND FOR MORBID
BECAME "M" FOR
MURDER!
YOU MAY
HAVE
SOMETHING
DOC, BUT
WHAT CAN
I DO ABOUT
IT?



DO JUST THIS!
HERE IS A REPORT
SHEET ON FRANCINE
BEVILL COVERING
THE USUAL FACTS, BOTH
AS SHE STATED THEM
AND WITH CORROBORATION
OF PERSONS WHOM SHE
GAVE AS REFERENCES!
I WANT YOU TO
CHECK THEM
FURTHER, AND
IN DETAIL!

AND SEE
WHERE IT
LEADS! OVVAY!
OBVIOUSLY YOU
CANNOT BE A
PARTY TO CON-
CEALING A
CRIME - IF
THERE WAS
A CRIME - BUT
YOU MAY BE
UNNECESSARILY
ALARMED!

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AT THE ARCTURUS POOL ROOM...

PRIVATE EYES MAKE ME NERVOUS! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THEIR RACKET IS! HE SAID HE WAS WAITING FOR A PHONE CALL! NOW HE'S ANSWERING IT! BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE A STALL TO ME!

IT'S YOUR JOB, ARMY! TAIL HIM AND SERVE HIM SOME SHELLAC UNTIL HE SPILLS WHY HE CAME HERE!

A PLEASURE! ME, I FEEL LIKE A GUB SCOUT EVERY TIME I BOP A PRIVATE EYE!

GOOD... YES, OKAY!



HEY, YOU— WAIT! I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU!



DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR FIST, ARMY! YOU'LL FORGET IT WHEN YOU FEEL THE TWIST OF COURSE, IF YOU TALK, YOU'LL MAKE IT EASIER ALL AROUND! LET'S HAVE THE LOW-DOWN ON WHAT HAPPENED TO STACK CHANDLER AFTER HE KNOCKED OFF NICK CLAUSEN!



WELL, THAT'S NO SECRET! I'M GIVING IT STEADY WHEN I TELL YOU THAT WE NEVER DID CATCH UP WITH STACK CHANDLER! ASK THE BOYS UPSTAIRS IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME! WE WERE NICK'S BODYGUARDS, BUT STACK SUPPED PAST US!

ALL RIGHT! SET YOUR TEETH, AND I'LL PULL YOUR THUMB BACK IN JOINT!



THE NEXT STEP WAS TO MAKE THE ROUNDS OF THE BIG TIME GAMBLERS AND OTHER SMART BOYS WHO'D HAD DEALINGS WITH NICK CLAUSEN. SO WE DID...

NICK CLAUSEN WELCHED ON HIS BETS, SO SOME OF THE BOYS HIRED STACK CHANDLER TO GET HIM! THAT'S ALL!

WHO KNOWS WHERE STACK WENT AFTER HE CROAKED NICK? IT WAS SMART TO BLOW SO HE BLEW!

HE COULD HANDLE A DECK AS SMOOTH AS A GUN, STACK COULD! NICK LET HIM IN, THINKING HE WAS A CARD PLAYER!



A DAVE NAMED FRANCINE BEVILLE SHOWED UP RIGHT AFTER STACK CHANDLER LAMED! BETTER ASK ARMY WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THAT!

SO YOU'RE CONVINCED WE DIDN'T KNOCK OFF STACK CHANDLER! ALL RIGHT, WE'LL ADMIT WE'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON THE BEVILLE DAME EVER SINCE!

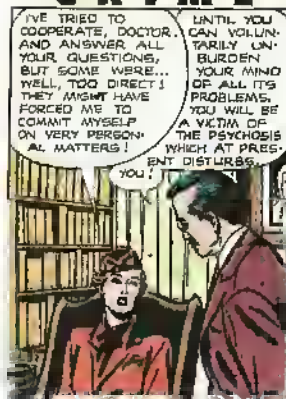


ON ACCOUNT OF MAYBE SHE KNOWS WHERE STACK IS HIDING OUT! SHE WASN'T AROUND WHEN STACK CROAKED NICK, BUT SHE COULD HAVE HELPED STACK GET AWAY!

OKAY! I'M HUNTING STACK, TOO, FOR REASONS OF MY OWN, AND I HOPE I'M THE FIRST TO CATCH UP WITH HIM!

IF I'D SPECIFIED THOSE REASONS, ARMY AND HIS BOYS WOULD HAVE LAUGHED ME DOWN! FINDING STACK COULD CLEAR FRANCHISE OF PARTICIPATION IN A MURDER WHICH, AFTER ALL, MIGHT HAVE EXISTED ONLY IN THE MIND OF HER PSYCHIATRIST! SO I CALLED IT A NIGHT, FIGURING THE NEXT PLAY WAS DOC PAULDING'S— WHICH WAS A LOT MORE THAN I REALIZED...

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I'VE TRIED TO COOPERATE, DOCTOR, AND ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS, BUT SOME WERE... WELL, TOO DIRECT! THEY MIGHT HAVE FORCED ME TO COMMIT MYSELF ON VERY PERSONAL MATTERS!

UNTIL YOU CAN VOLUNTARILY UNBURDEN YOUR MIND OF ALL ITS PROBLEMS, YOU WILL BE A VICTIM OF THE PSYCHOSIS WHICH AT PRESENT DISTURBS YOU.



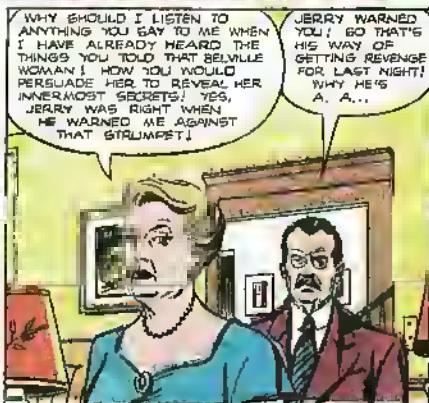
BUT DOCTOR, I CAN'T TELL YOU ALL! IF ONLY I COULD SLEEP... GET RID OF THE TERRIBLE DREAMS THAT DISTURB ME! THAT'S ALL I WANT!

YOUR DREAM LIFE WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF OUR NEXT CONSULTATION! I CAN ASSURE YOU, FRANCHISE, THAT YOU WILL SOON REVEAL YOUR INNERMOST SECRETS UNDER MY PERSUASION! GOOD NIGHT!



HOW ROMANTIC... OR SHOULD I SAY DRAMATIC? TOO BAD I DIDN'T STUDY YOUR PROFESSION AT CLOSER RANGE WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, MY DEAR! AH... PARTING MUST BE SUCH SWEET SORROW, WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH LOVELY PATIENTS!

DIANE! DON'T BE A FOOL! IF YOU WILL ONLY LISTEN...



WHY SHOULD I LISTEN TO ANYTHING YOU SAY TO ME WHEN I HAVE ALREADY HEARD THE THINGS YOU TOLD THAT BELVILLE WOMAN! HOW YOU WOULD PERSUADE HER TO REVEAL HER INNERMOST SECRETS! YES, JERRY WAS RIGHT WHEN HE WARNED ME AGAINST THAT STRUMPET!

JERRY WARNED YOU! SO THAT'S HIS WAY OF GETTING REVENGE FOR LAST NIGHT! WHY HE'S A... A...



A WHOP! THAT'S WHAT YOU CALLED HIM, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOU DENY IT! BESIDES, I SAW YOU GREET THAT WOMAN LAST NIGHT AND JERRY SAW YOU LEAVE WITH HER! TONIGHT, WE BOTH WITNESSED THE WELCOME YOU SAVE HER!

MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE HASTY WHEN I SPOKE TO JERRY LAST NIGHT, DIANE, BUT I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING...



YOU'D LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU, TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING IN THOSE LONG WORDS YOU TWIST AROUND YOUR TONGUE!

THEY'RE AT IT HOT AND HEAVY TONIGHT, WORSE THAN WHEN THE DOCTOR PICKED UP MASTER JUNIOR!

THE FAMILY I WORK FOR HAS SOME BAD FIGHTS, TOO, BUT MOSTLY THEY DO IT IN PUBLIC, WORSE LUCK FOR ME!



WELL, YOU CAN SAVE THOSE LONG WORDS FOR MISS FRANCHISE BELVILLE! THEY MAY IMPRESS HER... BUT NOT ME! I'M GOING TO MY ROOM AND I INTEND TO STAY THERE!



DIANE, IF YOU WILL ONLY LISTEN...

SLAM!

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THE ECHOES OF DOMESTIC SQUABBLE REACHED MY OFFICE THE NEXT MORNING, BUT NEITHER WENDY NOR I REALIZED HOW SERIOUS IT MIGHT PROVE...

CERTAINLY, DR. PAULDING!
I'LL PUT MR. GARDNER ON IT!
RIGHT AWAY!



YOU SAY THAT MRS. PAULDING HAS LEFT YOU... BECAUSE OF FRANGINE? WAIT A MINUTE, DOCTOR--STRAIGHTENING OUT PERSONAL PROBLEMS IS YOUR DEPARTMENT, NOT MINE! OH, YOU THINK ALL THAT WILL ADJUST ITSELF AS SOON AS YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO TELL THE WHOLE STORY, AND YOU WANT ME TO GET THE PROOF AND GET IT QUICK! YOU'RE POSITIVE NOW THAT YOUR MURDER THEORY IS CORRECT? OKAY, I'LL STEP ON IT!



LOOK, WENDY, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! IF ANYTHING, FRANGINE WOULD HAVE HELPED STACK CHANDLER, NOT MURDERED HIM!

MAYBE SHE HELPED HIM MURDER SOMEONE ELSE! EVER THINK OF THAT, MR. MASTER MIND? WHY DON'T YOU DIG INTO THE PAST OF MR. STACK CHANDLER WHILE I GET THE LOWDOWN ON THE PRESENT OF MISS FRANGINE BELVILLE!



LOW-DOWN MAY BE THE TERM! PERHAPS THIS BELVILLE NUMBER IS TRYING TO BREAK UP DOC PAULDING'S HAPPY HEARTH AND HOME! GET WHAT YOU CAN ON HER WHILE HIM CHECKING STACK CHANDLER AT HEADQUARTERS!

GOODY! I WON'T EVEN HAVE TO BORROW YOUR BADGE OR GUN TO GET RESULTS! JUST WATCH WENDY!

BUT LISTEN, ROONEY! I DON'T CARE HOW SMART STACK CHANDLER WAS! SOME TIME OR OTHER YOU MUST HAVE GOTTEN PICTURES OF HIM... AND FINGERPRINTS!

THE ONLY PICTURES WE'VE GOT, GARDNER, ARE THESE!



STACK'S HANDS, TAKEN FROM A MOVIE! HE DOUBLED FOR SOME STAR IN A GAMBLING PICTURE, BUT HE NEVER DID SHOW HIS MUG! SORRY WE DON'T HAVE THE DECK OF CARDS HE USED! YOU MIGHT GET FINGERPRINTS FROM IT!



LIEUTENANT ROONEY AND HIS SENSE OF HUMOR DIDN'T APPEAL TO ME, BUT I TOOK THE PHOTOS ANYWAY AND HOPED THAT WENDY WAS DOING BETTER...WHICH SHE WAS...



AND TODAY WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER OF OUR CANASTA CLUB, MISS WENDY CAXTON! MISS CAXTON! MEET MISS FRANGINE BELVILLE...

GLAD TO KNOW YOU! TAKE A CHAIR, HONEY, AND I'LL DEAL YOU IN!



HOW ABOUT A SPOT OF TEA? THEN WE CAN CONTINUE THE GAME A WHILE LONGER! AFTER ALL, I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONLY WINNER!

I'LL PLAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT TO! BUT I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL FIRST!



...AND FRANGINE IS A WHIZ AT CARDS!



LIKE HER BOY FRIEND, STACK, EH? WELL, STICK WITH HER UNTIL SHE LEAVES FOR DOC PAULDING! LEARN ALL YOU CAN!



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MEANWHILE, MORE TROUBLE WAS BREWING AT DR PAULDING'S HIS HAPPY HEARTH AND HOME WERE ON THE RAGGED EDGE OF DISASTER!



NO, DOCTOR, I HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD FROM MRS. PAULDING ALL DAY! AND AS FOR MASTER JUNIOR—I MEAN MR. JEROME—ALL HE SAID WAS THAT HE'LL BE HOME LATER!

VERY WELL, MORTENSE! IF THERE ARE ANY CALLS, I'LL BE IN THE STUDY, GOING OVER THE HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS!



THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS... DEPOSITS, TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY... WITHDRAWALS... CHECKS... BALANCE... WAIT! WAIT! THIS CHECK! MADE OUT TO JUNIOR!

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J. B. Paulding



THIS CHECK FOR THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS! DO YOU FILL IT OUT TO YOURSELF ON ONE OF THOSE BLANKS SIGNED FOR YOUR MOTHER?

SURE I DO—AND WHY NOT! DIANE SAID I COULD! IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK HER—HA, HA—IS YOU CAN FIND HER!



YOU—YOU UPSTAIR! I'LL SETTLE YOU—!

NOT TONIGHT, YOU WON'T!



FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE, I'M GLAD I STAYED SOBER! YOU'VE HAD THIS COMING TO YOU, YOU OLD WALRUS!



OH, DOCTOR PAULDING! OH, MASTER JERRY!

THAT CHECK PAID FOR THE PARTY I THREW! AND JUST SO YOU WON'T FORGET IT HERE'S A REMINDER!

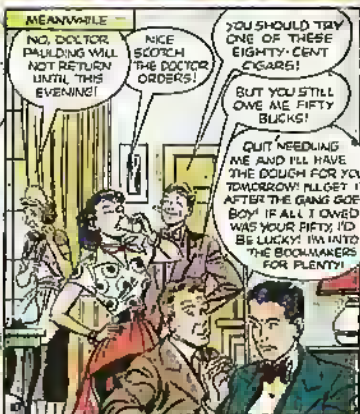
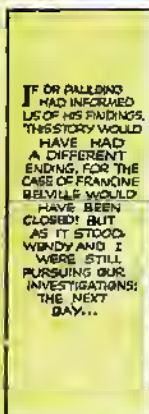
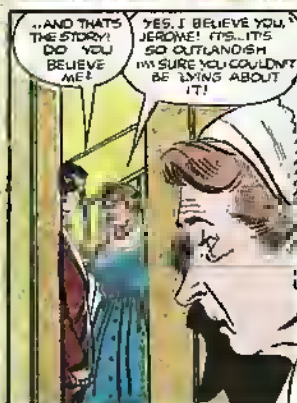


POOR DOCTOR PAULDING! IT'S TOO BAD ALL THIS SHOULD HAPPEN! MASTER JERRY DIDN'T KNOW HIS OWN STRENGTH, SIR! HE'S GONE OUT NOW BEING ASHAMED OF HIMSELF, I'M SURE!

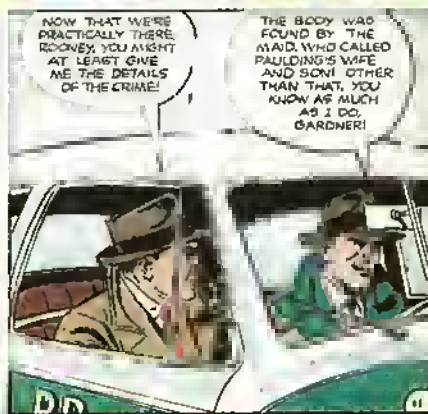
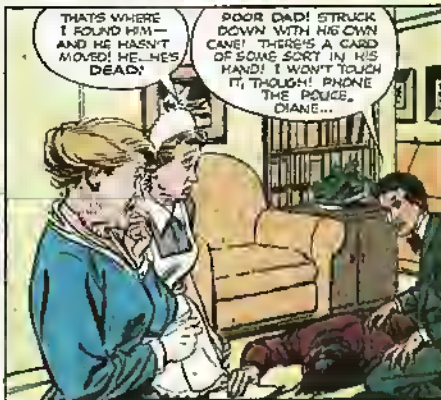
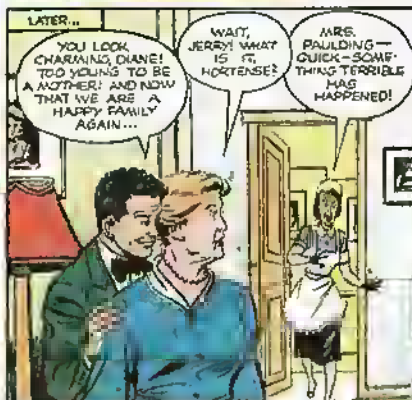
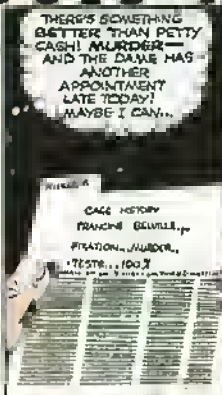


NEVER MIND THE CHATTER, MORTENSE! TRY TO CONTACT MRS. PAULDING, AND TELL HER TO COME HOME! I MUST GET TO MY OFFICE! I AM EXPECTING A PATIENT!

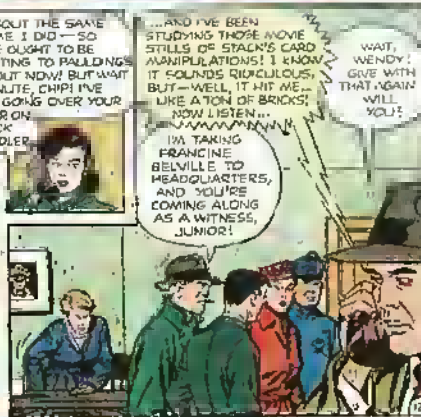
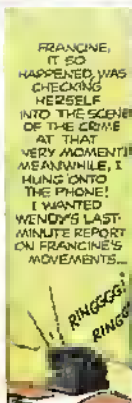
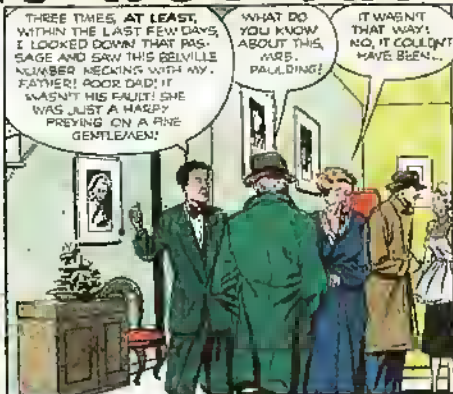
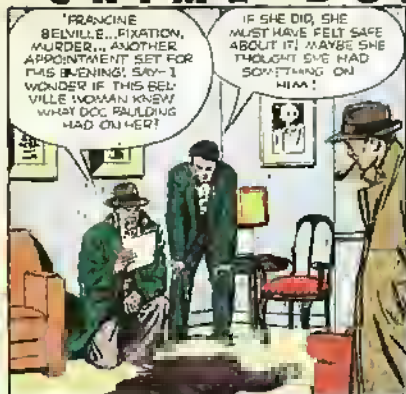
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IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT MRS. PAULDING, IN A MISTAKEN GESTURE OF PROTECTIVE AND THERHOOD, CAME UP WITH A GUN FROM THE DOCTOR'S DESK DRAWER...

YOU ARE NOT TAKING MY SON WITH YOU! HE HAS SUFFERED TOO MUCH ALREADY! I INSIST THAT YOU LEAVE HIM HERE IN MY CUSTODY!

NOW...BE REASONABLE, MRS. PAULDING!

STACK CHANDLER, GAMBLER... FRANKIE BELVILLE... CAVASTA... EXPERT... HAND PHOTOS...



AS A FLOOD OF ANSWERS HIT HOME ALL AT ONCE, I KNEW WHERE THE REAL DANGER LAY AND IT WASN'T THE OLD LADY! I LET FLY WITH THE PHONE JUST AS FRANKIE ALSO WHIPPED OUT A GUN...

I'LL TAKE THAT WEAPON, MRS. PAULDING!

HEY! HAVE BOTH DUKES GONE CRAZY?



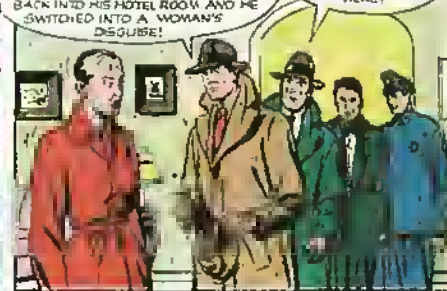
WELL, WELL! STACK CHANDLER! IT'S TIME TO UNWIND, CHUM! HEY! ROONEY! GRAB JUNIOR! HE'S YOUR MURDERER OF DOC PAULDING! WHAT A BREAK! WE SOLVED TWO CRIMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

COME BACK HERE!



LET ME INTRODUCE STACK CHANDLER, GENTLEMEN! REMEMBER THOSE HAND PHOTOS, ROONEY? WENDY RECOGNIZED THEM AT A CAVASTA GAME WITH FRANKIE BELVILLE! THAT'S FRANKIE! HOW STACK DISAPPEARED AFTER HE MURDERED NICK CLAUSEN! HE DUCKED BACK INTO HIS HOTEL ROOM AND HE SWITCHED INTO A WOMAN'S DISGUISE!

...AND SINCE WENDY WAS WITH FRANKIE, YOU KNEW SOMEBODY ELSE MUST HAVE KILLED DOCTOR PAULDING! BUT HOW DID YOU POKY JUNIOR, HERE?



BECAUSE THE ROMANCE ANGLE WAS OUT ONCE I KNEW FRANKIE WAS STACK! SO JERRY'S NERVE ABOUT HIS FATHER DIDN'T HOLD! MRS. PAULDING ALREADY KNEW THE TRUTH, DIDN'T YOU, MRS. PAULDING?

YES, I DID! STACK CHANDLER ADMITTED THE IMPOSTURE TO MY HUSBAND LAST NIGHT AND HE TOLD ME, TO PROVE THAT MY JEALOUSY WAS UNFOUNDED! I REALIZED THAT MY SON MUST HAVE KILLED HIS STEP-FATHER! POOR BOY! POOR BOY!

AND THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T WANT ME TO TAKE JERRY ALONG! WA! SORRY, MRS. PAULDING, BUT THE LAW MUST TAKE ITS COURSE!

SO I CRACKED THE CASE WITHOUT EVEN BEING THERE! BUT IT WASN'T SURPRISING THAT I RECOGNIZED STACK'S HANDS! AS FRANKIE, THEY FASCINATED ME!

AND THEY SHOULD HAVE! FROM THE SIZE OF YOUR LOSSES, STACK WAS LIVING UP TO HIS NAME! I'LL BET HE STACKED THE DECK EVERY TIME HE SHUFFLED IT!

GUILTY PLEAS NAVED BOTH STACK CHANDLER AND JERRY PAULDING FROM THE CHAIR! EACH RECEIVED LIFE TERMS! FROM THE COURT PROCEEDINGS, IT WASN'T SURPRISING THAT STACK HAD GONE INTO TERRY WAITING AROUND AS FRANKIE BELVILLE, AND THAT HIS NEUTROTIC NATURE FINALLY DROVE HIM TO A PSYCHIATRIST! HE WASN'T A KILLER BY TRADE, JUST A FAST HAND WITH A GUN AS WELL AS WITH A DECK OF CARDS! THOUGH IT WAS A GUARDED SECRET, SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE HE HAD MADE A LIVING AS AN IMPERSONATOR IN WEST COAST NIGHT CLUBS AND THIS HAD GIVEN HIM THE IDEA FOR THE NICK CLAUSEN BUMP OFF! AS FOR JERRY, HE WAS JUST A WILD, NO-GOOD KID, UP TO HIS EARS IN DEBT, WHO COULDN'T WAIT FOR HIS LEGACY!



THE END

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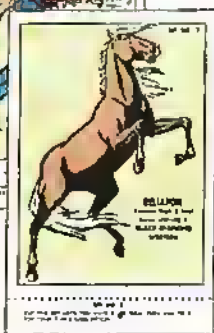
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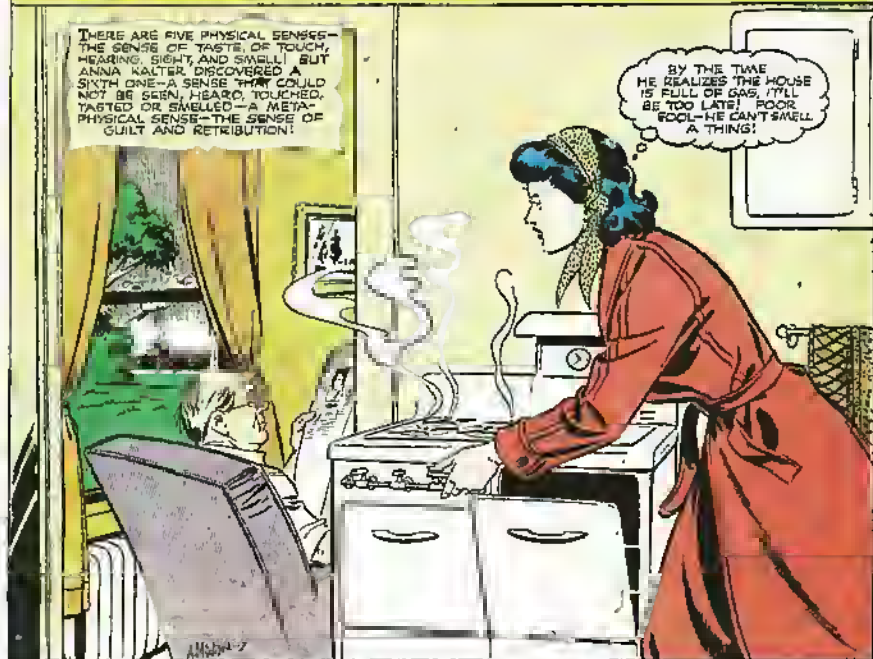


The Smell of DEATH

WAS SLOWLY FILLING THE HOUSE, CREEPING FROM ROOM TO ROOM, OVERWHELMING THE SENSES, BUT OLD MAN KALTER, UNAWARE THAT DANGER WAS ALL AROUND HIM, WENT ON READING HIS NEWSPAPER!

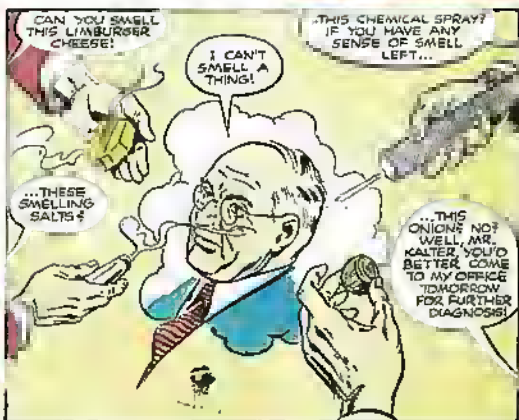
THERE ARE FIVE PHYSICAL SENSES—THE SENSE OF TASTE, OF TOUCH, HEARING, SIGHT, AND SMELL! BUT ANNA KALTER DISCOVERED A SIXTH ONE—A SENSE THAT COULD NOT BE SEEN, HEARD, TOUCHED, TASTED OR SMELLED—A META-PHYSICAL SENSE—THE SENSE OF GUILT AND RETRIBUTION!

BY THE TIME HE REALIZES THE HOUSE IS FULL OF GAS, IT'LL BE TOO LATE! POOR FOOL—HE CAN'T SMELL A THING!



MR. KALTER, CAN YOU SMELL THIS BOUQUET OF ROSES?

NO, DOCTOR!



CAN YOU SMELL THIS LIMBURGER CHEESE?

I CAN'T SMELL A THING!

THIS CHEMICAL SPRAY? IF YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF SMELL LEFT...

...THESE SWEETING SALTS?

...THIS ONE? NOT WELL, MR. KALTER, YOU'D BETTER COME TO MY OFFICE TOMORROW FOR FURTHER DIAGNOSIS!

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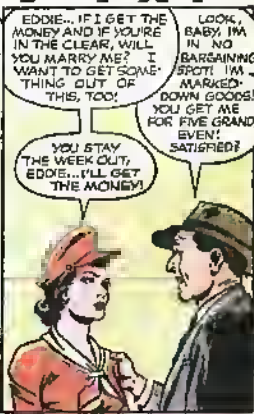
THOSE ARE THE CHANCES YOU TAKE, BABY! I'VE BEEN TAKING CHANCES ALL MY LIFE! YOU CAN'T PLAY ANYTHING SAFE! YOU WIN OR YOU LOSE—IT'S THE BREAKS!

HOW LONG CAN YOU STICK AROUND? COULD YOU STAY A WEEK?



DEPENDS ON WHETHER I WAS SURE OF GETTING THE FIVE GRAND! AND FORGET ABOUT TRYING TO WORK FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OUT OF YOUR STEPFATHER! HE HATES ME LIKE POISON! ALL HE'D GIVE ME IS ARSENIC!

HE'S GOT TO UNDERSTAND THAT MY HAPPINESS IS AT STAKE! WITHOUT YOU, I'M NOTHING! I'VE NOTHING TO LIVE FOR! HE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT!



EDDIE... IF I GET THE MONEY AND IF YOU'RE IN THE CLEAR, WILL YOU MARRY ME? I WANT TO GET SOME-THING OUT OF THIS, TOO!

YOU STAY THE WEEK OUT, EDDIE... I'LL GET THE MONEY!

LOOK, BABY, I'M IN NO BARGAINING SPOT! I'M MARKED-DOWN GOODS! YOU GET ME FOR FIVE GRAND, EVEN! SATISFIED?



IT'LL TAKE A MIRACLE! YOUR OLD MAN'S GOT JUST ENOUGH FOR HIS OLD AGE! IF HE LET THAT CUSHION GO, HE'D WIND UP IN THE POOR HOUSE! YOU'RE DREAMING, ANNA! HE'LL NEVER GIVE IT TO YOU!

LEAVE THAT TO ME! JUST YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU PROMISED ME, TODAY...



THE SELFISHNESS OF OLD PEOPLE! WHAT IF HE DOESN'T LIKE EDDIE! CAN'T I MAKE MY OWN MISTAKES?

FATHER! ARE YOU DOWN IN THE CELLAR?

YES! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GET THIS STEP FIXED!



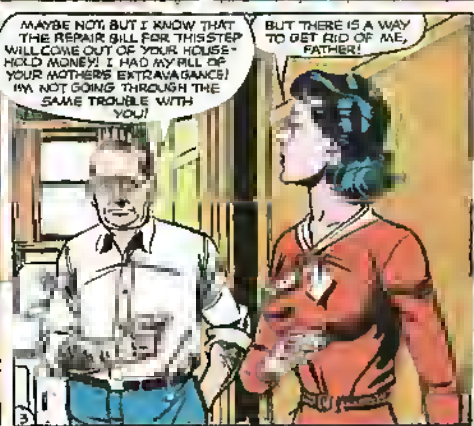
I CAME DOWN TO LOOK AT THE FURNACE AND I ALMOST BROKE MY NECK! THAT FIFTEEN DOLLARS I GAVE YOU LAST WEEK TO HAVE THIS STEP REPAIRED! WHERE IS IT, AND DON'T LIE TO ME AGAIN!

IT WOULDN'T MATTER WHAT I TOLD YOU! YOU'D THINK I WAS LYING, ANYWAY.



WHAT DID IT GO FOR? PERFUME? SHOES? OR DID YOU GIVE IT TO THAT NO-GOOD EDDIE... TO PAY FOR HIS DINNER?

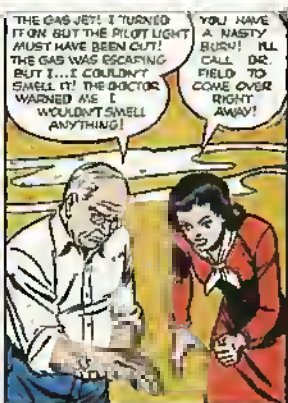
IT WENT FOR A NEW HAT! I'M THIRTY-THREE! IF I'M EVER TO GET A HUSBAND, A REPAIRED CELLAR STEP WON'T HELP ME! A NEW HAT MIGHT... BUT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT SUCH THINGS!



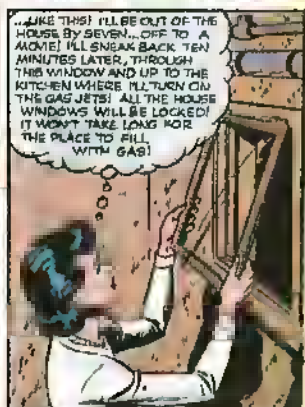
MAYBE NOT, BUT I KNOW THAT THE REPAIR BILL FOR THIS STEP WILL COME OUT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD MONEY! I HAD MY BILL OF YOUR MOTHER'S EXTRAVAGANCE! I'M NOT GOING THROUGH THE SAME TROUBLE WITH YOU!

BUT THERE IS A WAY TO GET RID OF ME, FATHER!

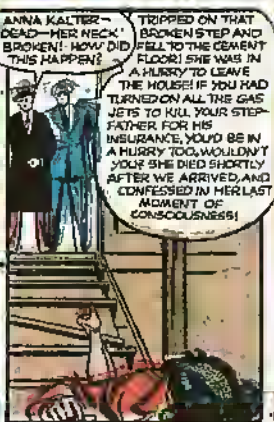
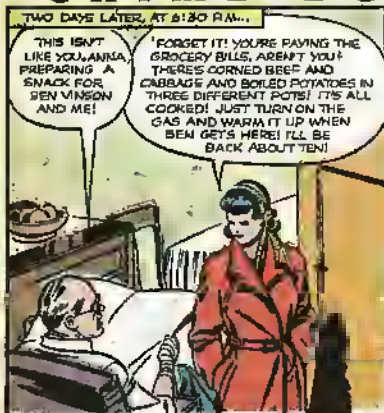
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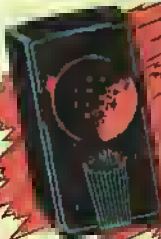


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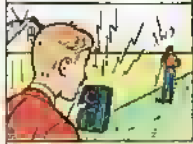


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"You boys are making a mistake," said Benny, referring to Hanshan and his fellow-officers. "I've been on the square for two years now, selling novelties. You might queer my job, picking me up this way. That ain't fair."

"It's orders, Benny," Hanshan told him. "We've got to take you in for questioning."

"I'm coming under protest," snapped Benny. "If I lose my job, then what?"

At headquarters, Benny sang the same tune. He'd been going straight and had a bank balance to show for it. No snafus, no snafus. He just wanted to be on his way.

"So a store was snick up!" Benny barked. "What's that got to do with me? I'm peddling novelties. Making dough at it, too. Why should I take a chance?"

"Never mind all that, Benny," said Chief Higgins. "Your rep is still bad. Think back and tell us where you were the night before last.

from five to six o'clock."

"Okay, chief. Listen, I hit Niffin's Store on Slade Street at four o'clock. I hung around half an hour to see old man Niffin. I sold him a seventeen-dollar tin. That meant almost six dollars profit. I left there at quarter to five. I made twenty-two bucks clear, that day. I should risk a four-dollar holdup? Nerrr!

"Anyway, from Niffin's I walked to the corner of Chestnut and Grimes in time to catch the bus to Hanover, that hits the corner at five minutes after five. Check the driver and he'll tell you I was on the bus to Hanover, because the guy knows me. I got to Hanover just about six o'clock and there I hopped off at Third and Appleton, where I went into Paddock's joint for a couple of beers. You ask Paddy. He'll tell you."

Chief Higgins leaned back and stared at the ceiling as though performing mental calculations.

"It's only a twenty-five minute bus run to Hanover, Benny. How come it took you until six o'clock?"

"'Cause the bus was late," said Benny. "They were fixing a sewer and we had to wait."

(Turn page for continuation of story.)

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"So the bus didn't pass the corner of Chestnut and Grimes at five minutes after five! It didn't come along until half past five. Am I right?"

"Yeah, chief, but that don't mean nothing. I was on the bus. Check, and you'll find out."

"We'll do that, Benny. But there's one thing you left out. Nighr before last, there was a sign at the corner. It said that because of the sewer repair, the bus was going through Pulaski Street, four blocks over. It also said the bus would run twenty minutes later than usual, so people could walk those four blocks in time."

Benny gave a shrug.

"Brombaugh's Variety Store is in those four blocks, Benny," reminded Chief Higgins. "So it was on your way, wasn't it? Besides, you carry robber masks in that novelty case of yours, the kind that were used in the stickup at Brombaugh's."

"Wait a minute!" Benny looked from one set face to another. "What is this, a frame? I ain't mixed up in any holdups. I'm playing square. Leave me be!"

The chief leaned forward on his desk. His eyes were hard and his hands gripped the sides of the desk until his knuckles showed white.

"Let's stop playing games, Benny. I'm not worrying about a holdup. I'm out to get a murderer!"

Benny's jaw dropped in surprise, or the best imitation of it that Chief Higgins had ever seen. The little salesman looked around again, at Hanrahan and the other detectives.

"I didn't. I didn't . . . I . . ."

The chief smiled grimly.

"You didn't what?"

"I don't know from nothing," Benny argued. "I wasn't there. I don't even know if Brombaugh is dead."

Chief Higgins relaxed slightly, but his words bored home. He wasn't sure of himself, but he knew Benny Gough for a slippery eel, so he tried another tack.

"I didn't say he was, but what happened to your red silk scarf, Benny? You always were mighty careful of it. Where is it?"

Benny sighed in relief. This was going to be easy.

"He wanted to wear it one night, so I let him."

"You and Ed used to do some heist jobs together, didn't you, Benny?"

Again, Benny's eyes looked haunted. "Not since I done my last stretch, chief. I'm on the straight. I've told you."

The chief waved his hand and laughed.

"Now I've got you, Benny!" he said. "What would you say if I told you we brought in Ed Carney and he spilled? Told us the whole setup? How you two planned the Brombaugh job and the alibi? How you dumped the gun in the sewer before the bus came along?"

Benny tried to look at the detectives but his eyes wouldn't level. None of the detectives spoke. They were glaring at Benny.

"He couldn't bare . . ." Benny stopped short, as if taking a deep bite at his tongue. He hesitated only a second, then: "Because it ain't true. I tell you, I didn't have a grin."

"You're right," agreed Chief Higgins, with an approving nod. "Ed Carney couldn't have spilled and you know it! Carney is dead! Strangled, Benny, with your red silk scarf around his neck! You'll hang for it, Benny, with hemp instead of silk. You set up your alibi for the wrong time."

"Carney was strangled at about five o'clock, and he roams between Niffin's store and the bus stop. Too bad you couldn't have been satisfied to sell novelties and keep going straight, Benny. Robbing Brombaugh and knocking him cold only made things worse. Loaning your scarf to Carney was clever, but not clever enough."

"I didn't rob Brombaugh and I didn't creak Carney!"

"Luck him up!" Chief Higgins wiped the perspiration from his forehead and turned back as Benny was led away, still protesting.

"How do you figure it, Chief?" Detective Hanrahan asked, still puzzled.

"We didn't have a thing on Benny," Chief Higgins admitted. "But he didn't tell us about the change in the bus route and he knew Carney too well. Maybe Benny did lend the scarf to Carney, but when he said Carney *couldn't* squeal, I knew he knew something. We'll have to build up a case, but that should be simple, now that we know we've got the murderer. Benny lured both Carney and Brombaugh. Brombaugh got him his last stretch in the pen, and Carney had tried to frame him a year back on a taxi stick-up."

Convinced that the police knew the answers, Benny Gough confessed to strangling Carney. He insisted that on two petty robberies Carney had worn his scarf and a rubber mask to mislead the victims into identifying him as Benny—and Benny never liked double-crossers! But it was Carney's stunt that gave Benny his idea for an alibi. Robbing Brombaugh was a spur-of-the-moment job, because of his setup alibi.

So Benny got a stretch in stir, but he was lucky. It was only ten-to-twenty years, since there was no conclusive proof to dispute Benny's motive.

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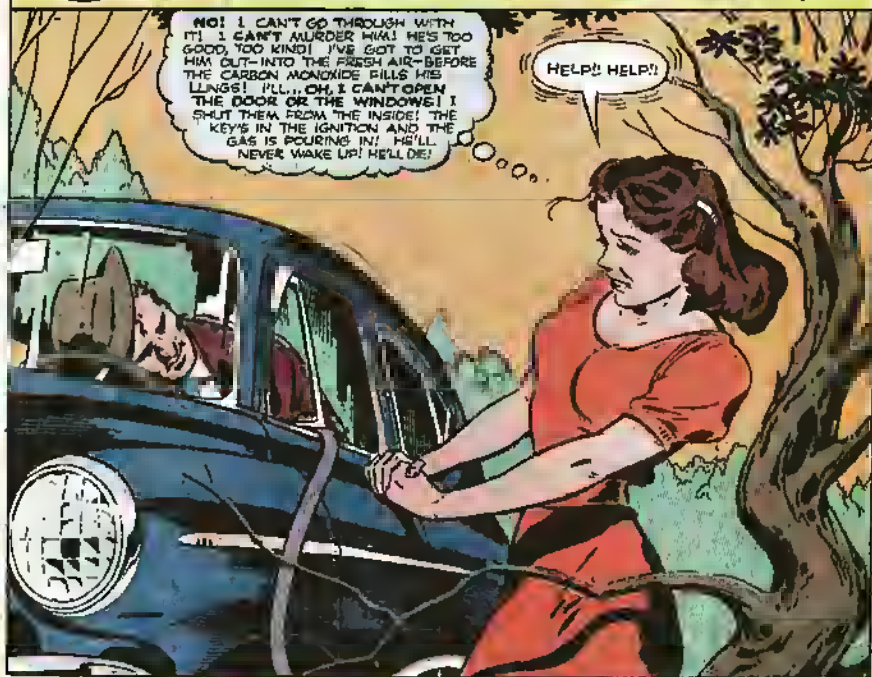
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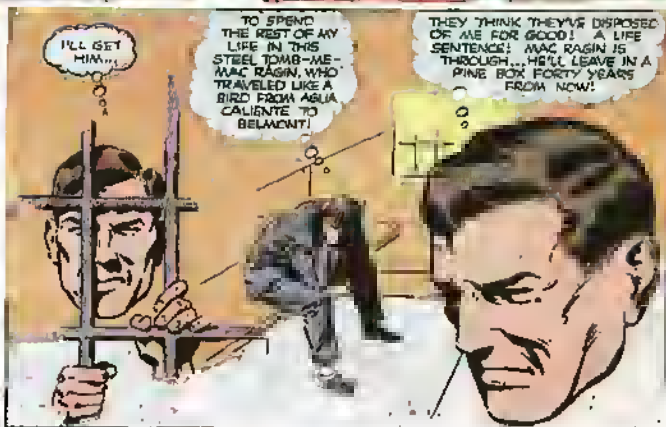
NO! I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! I CAN'T MURDER HIM! HE'S TOO GOOD, TOO KIND! I'VE GOT TO GET HIM OUT INTO THE FRESH AIR—BEFORE THE CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS HIS LINGS! I'LL... OH, I CAN'T OPEN THE DOOR OR THE WINDOWS! I SHUT THEM FROM THE INSIDE! THE KEYS IN THE IGNITION AND THE GAS IS POURING IN! HE'LL NEVER WAKE UP! HE'LL DIE!

HELP! HELP!

IN A CELL AT THE BIG HOUSE, A MAN NAMED MAC RAGIN THOUGHT DAY AND NIGHT OF BUT ONE THING...



I'VE GOT TO KILL THAT GUY!



I'LL GET HIM...

TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN THIS STEEL TOMB—ME—MAC RAGIN, WHO TRAVELED LIKE A BIRD FROM AGUA CALIENTE TO BELMONT!

THEY THINK THEY'VE DISPOSED OF ME FOR GOOD! A LIFE SENTENCE! MAC RAGIN IS THROUGH... HE'LL LEAVE IN A PINE BOX FORTY YEARS FROM NOW!

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THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK! BUT I GOT PLANS OF MY OWN! LET 'EM LOCK ME UP FOR LIFE—LATER-IF THEY CAN BRING ME BACK ALIVE! BUT FIRST, I EVEN THINGS WITH LIEUTENANT KING OF THE HOMICIDE BUREAU!



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TERRIFIC, MAC! I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE THE HAND FOR A WEEK, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TURN OUT FOR THE TEAM A YEAR AGO?

I DIDN'T THINK OF A WAY OF CRASHING OUT A YEAR AGO!



SO YOUR GIRL FRIEND'S COMING OUT TO SEE YOU, TODAY, MAC'S WHAT GIVES? YOU'LL AIN'T HAD COMPANY SINCE YOU CAME HERE!

THAT AIN'T BECAUSE SHE DON'T WRITE TO HIM, YOU KNOW! HE DON'T WRITE HER BACK! DIDJA EVER SEE SUCH A DOLL!

WHAT A LOOKER! WHAT'S SHE DO, MAC'S DANCE, ACT?

NO, MODELS DRESSES, UNDER-WEAR, BATHING SUITS...

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AND YOU WOULDN'T LET THAT DAME COME UP HERE TO SEE YOU!

MAC'S A LIFE! HE DON'T SEE THE POINT OF IT! LOOK WHAT SHE WRITES—WITH ETERNAL LOVE!

YOU CAN KEEP LOVE LOYALTY—THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED! A DAME'S GOT TO BE LOYAL IF SHE SWEARS SHE'LL DO SOMETHING, SHE'S GOT TO DO IT—NO MATTER WHAT! LOYALTY'S WHAT I WANT FROM A WOMAN!

THAT AFTERNOON...

MAC! MAC! DARING! AT LAST! ...OH, MAC!

NOW, LOOK! DON'T BREAK DOWN! IF YOU'RE GOING TO BAWL ALL OVER THE PLACE, GO HOME! I CAN'T TAKE IT! JUST SIT DOWN AND TALK! NO SCENES! THIS ISN'T THE BACK SEAT OF A CAR, YOU KNOW!

YOU NEVER ANSWERED MY LETTERS! YOU REFUSED TO SEE ME! I MISS YOU SO, SWEETHEART! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GO ON WITHOUT YOU, MAC! THAT TERRIBLE TRAIL! DID YOU... I MEAN...

SURE I KILLED HIM! DEVIL! WELCHED ON ME! HE DESERVED TO DIE! WHAT DO YOU THINK? BUT THAT COP, PER—HE DIDN'T CARE TWO CENTS FOR DEVIL—BUT HE HAD TO PUT ME HERE FOR LIFE! LISTEN CLOSE, BABY! I CAN'T TALK LOUD...

...I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!

WH...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THEY'RE NOT DARING ME, NIT-WIT! HA CRASHING OUT!

BUT YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, MAC! NOBODY DOES! YOU'LL BE KILLED!

NOT THE WAY I'VE PLANNED IT! NOW SHUT UP, WILL YOU, AND LET ME TALK!

THIS CAN'T MISS IF YOU FOLLOW ORDERS! I CAN'T WORK IT WITHOUT YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR ME IN A FAST CAR AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS 23 AND 9, NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON... BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX!

BUT THAT'S A HUNDRED MILES FROM HERE! NOW WILL YOU BE THERE?

WE PLAY MORGAN PEN SATURDAY!

WHAT ON EARTH HAS BASE-BALL TO DO WITH IT?

YOU LOVE ME, DON'T YOU? YOU SAID YOU'D DO ANYTHING TO MAKE ME HAPPY!

OF COURSE, MAC—BUT...

THEN YOU'LL BE AT HIGHWAYS 23 AND 9 NEXT SATURDAY!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT SOUNDS MAD!

I'LL RELAX NOW AND PLAY A LITTLE BALL! GOT TO IMPROVE MY CONTROL!

YOU SAID IT, MAC! CONTROL TAKES YOU OUT OF MANY A TIGHT SPOT!

THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, AT MORGAN PEN...

YOU PITCHED A GREAT GEM, RAGIN!

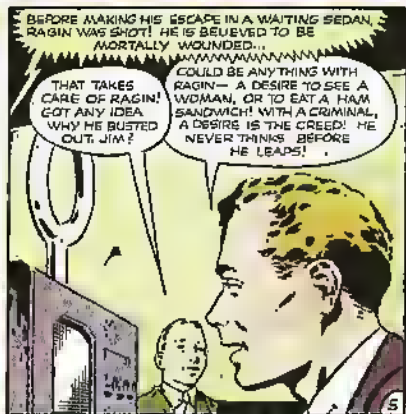
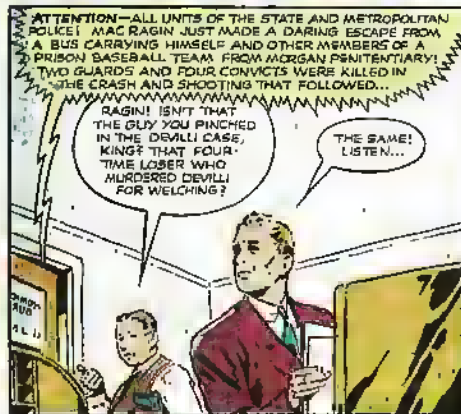
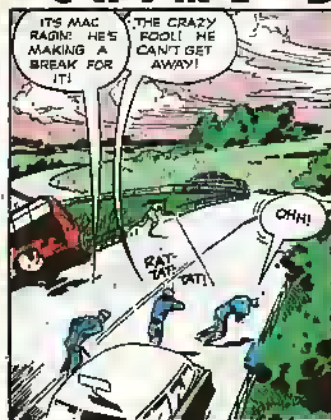
THAT'S NOTHING, SERGEANT! WAIT TIL YOU SEE MY NEXT SHOW!

WHAT CONTROL! HE PUT THAT APPLE RIGHT WHERE I WANTED IT! HE COULD KNOCK THE EYE OUT OF A CRASHHOPPER AT FIFTY YARDS!

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I GASPI! IT'S NO USE, BABY! I AM NOT GOING TO MAKE IT! THEY GOT ME! I TURN OFF THE ROAD...

N. NO! I'M DRIVING YOU TO A DOCTOR!



TURN OFF! YOU'RE NOT DOING ME ANY FAVORS! I IF THEY PATCH ME UP, I'LL FRY! YOU'LL GO TO JAIL... AND YOU CAN'T! I GASPI! YOU GOT A JOB TO DO FOR ME! YOU GOT TO GET A COP FOR ME...

I HATE THEM! THEY TOOK YOU AWAY FROM ME! THEY SNOT YOU... I SOB!



NO BABY! NOT THE COPS! A COP! COP BY THE NAME OF KING! THEY MADE HIM A LIEUTENANT SINCE HE SENT ME UP! I GASPI! IT'S A REWARD... LIKE! G. GET THIS, BABY...

NO MAC! DON'T TALK! YOU'RE WEAK...



I... I'M GETTING WEAKER! SO LISTEN... LISTEN GOOD! YOU GOT TO GET THIS KING FOR ME... OR ELSE I... I WON'T DIE EASY! YOU GOT TO PROMISE TO GET HIM, BABY! IT ISN'T THE MACHINE G. GUN BULLETS... I... IT'S KING WHO KILLED ME...

Y. YES, DARLING! S. SOB! I'LL GET HIM! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY.



S. SWEAR IT! SWEAR ON YOUR LIFE YOU'LL KILL KING!



I SWEAR... I SOB! I SWEAR I'LL KILL HIM FOR DOING THIS TO YOU! SOB! OH, MAC... MAC! DON'T LEAVE ME... HE'S DEAD!



THE FOLLOWING DAY...

STILL NO NEWS! I GUESS THEY DIDN'T FIND MAC'S BODY OR THE CAR YET! THERE'S KING NOW! I COULD SHOOT HIM - BUT MAC WOULDN'T BE VERY PROUD OF ME! IT'S GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER THAT COUNTS!

HI, LIEUTENANT! GOING TO THE BALL SATURDAY NIGHT?

YOU BET, SAM! NEVER YET MISSED THE POLICEMENS BALL! IT'S NOT SO LONG AGO I WAS ROUNDED A BEAT!



THE POLICEMENS BALL! I KNOW A YOUNG ROOKIE WHO'S DYING TO TAKE ME! I COULD MEET KING THERE! KING'S YOUNG, SINGLE! HE'D GO FOR ME! I COULD GET TO KNOW HIM WELL, SEE HOW HE LIVES, WHEN HE COMES AND GOES! I COULD FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET HIM GOOD!

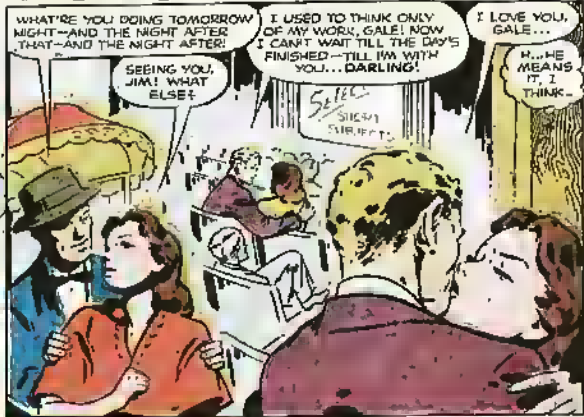
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IT'S LUCKY I CAME TONIGHT—OR MAYBE I'D NEVER HAVE MET YOU! ARE YOU SURE YOUR ESCORT DOESN'T MIND MY MONOPOLIZING YOU, GALE?

NO, JIM! BESIDES, I WANT TO BE MONOPOLIZED BY YOU! I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT THE FAMOUS FIGHTING LEUTENANT PEOPLE SAY YOU'LL BE POLICE COMMISSIONER ONE DAY!

I'VE GOT HIM EATING OUT OF MY HAND NOW! A FEW MORE DATES...



WHAT'RE YOU DOING TOMORROW NIGHT—AND THE NIGHT AFTER THAT—AND THE NIGHT AFTER THAT?

SEEING YOU, JIM! WHAT ELSE?

I USED TO THINK ONLY OF MY WORK, GALE! NOW I CAN'T WAIT TILL THE DAY'S FINISHED—TILL I'M WITH YOU... DARLING!

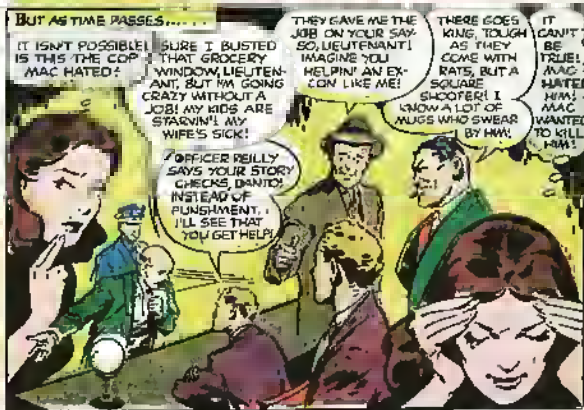
I LOVE YOU, GALE...

H...HE MEANS IT, I THINK...



I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT! KING DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A RAT TO ME! HE'S SO PLEASE-ANT! SO UNDER-STRANDING AND SWEET!

NO! I AIN'T LET MY HEAD BE TURNED BY ALL THOSE HONEYEY WORDS! IT'S JUST A LINE WITH KING! I MUST REMEMBER ONE THING! HE—KILLED MAC!



BUT AS TIME PASSES...

IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! IS THIS THE COP MAC HATED?

SURE I BUSTED THAT GROCERY WINDOW, LEUTENANT, BUT I'M GOING CRAZY WITHOUT A JOB! MY KIDS ARE STARVIN'! MY WIFE'S SICK!

THEY GAVE ME THE JOB ON YOUR SAY, SO, LEUTENANT! IMAGINE YOU HELPIN' AN EX-CON LIKE ME!

THERE GOES KING, TOUGH AS THEY COME WITH RATS, BUT A SQUARE SHOOTER! I KNOW A LOT OF MUGS WHO SWEAR BY HIM!

IT CAN'T BE TRUE! MAC HATED HIM! MAC WANTED TO KILL HIM!

OFFICER REILLY SAYS YOUR STORY CHECKS, DANITO! INSTEAD OF PUNISHMENT, I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET HELP!



THERE'S LEUTENANT, KING! HE'S GONNA BE A BIG SHOT SOME DAY! HE DESERVES IT! TEN HE EVEN MAKES ME WANNA GO STRAIGHT!

YEAH, I KNOW TEN GUYS HE GRUB-STAKED AFTER THEY PROVED THEY WANTED TO GO STRAIGHT! HE NEVER TAKES ADVANTAGE OF NOBODY!



SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU, GALE? YOU SEEM UNHAPPY! HAVE I SAID OR DONE ANYTHING TO UPSET YOU?

NO, JIM! IT'S JUST A HEADACHE! I'VE BEEN GETTING TO BED LATE, AND WORKING TOO HARD, I GUESS...

WHY AM I GOING TO DO? HE SEEMS SO FINE—SO KIND! MAC MUST'VE MADE A MISTAKE!



BUT I SWORE TO MAC—ON MY LIFE! MAC DIED—A COP'S BULLET IN HIS BACK! I PROMISED TO AVENGE HIM! I'VE FORGOTTEN MY LOVE FOR MAC! KING BOWLED ME OVER! IT'S JUST HIS FAKE CHARM! HE DOESN'T MEAN A THING HE SAYS! I MUST'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A MAN PAY ATTENTION TO ME!

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MY HEAD'S BEEN TURNED BY A FEW SWEET PHRASES! LIKE A SCHOOL GIRL, I HUNG ON EVERY WORD! WHAT A POOL, I'VE BEEN! BUT NOT AFTER TONIGHT! I'D FORGOTTEN WHAT I OWE MAC--BUT THE FOOLISHNESS ENDS TOMORROW NIGHT!



I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, GALE! JUST A TELEPHONE CALL!

HERE'S MY CHANCE! A SLEEPING PILL IN HIS COFFEE! WHEN HE SPOOSES OUT AT THE WHEEL, DRIVING HIS HOME, I CAN RIG UP THE CAR FOR A CARBON MONOXIDE SUICIDE...



D. DON'T KNOW! WHAT IT IS, GALE! I FEEL SO SLEEPY. ALL OF A SUDDEN! YAWN! SOMETHING'S GETTING SO DARK...

I'LL LOCK ALL THE DOORS AND WINDOWS! MY AUNT IS THAT HE TOOK ME HOME, FIRST! NO BODY COULD PROVE A THING AGAINST ME! THERE ARE NO WITNESSES... I'LL LOOK LIKE A SUICIDE...



I'LL SAY HE ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM, AND I TURNED HIM DOWN! HE WAS SO DESPONDENT WHEN HE LEFT MY HOUSE! I... I... I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! I CAN'T LET HIM DIE! JIM!



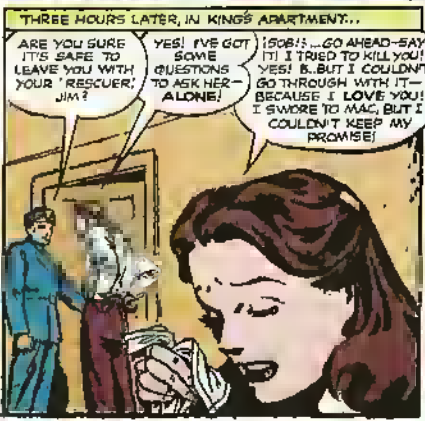
HE'S TOO GOOD! TOO KIND! MAC WAS LYING! CRIMINALS LIKE MAC ALWAYS LIE! MAC NEVER TOLD ME HE WAS A GAMBLER TILL IT WAS TOO LATE--TILL I CAME TO CARE FOR HIM! GASP! THE DOOR! IT'S LOCKED! I CAN'T GET IN! I CAN'T STOP THE ENGINE! HE'LL DIE!



BUT HE MUSTN'T! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM! I MUST FIND HELP! I SEE A LIGHT--BACK THERE IN THE WOODS!

IT'S A GIRL!

CAR! GASP!... ON ROAD, DOORS LOCKED! THE MAN INSIDE... GASP! HE'S DYING OF CARBON MONOXIDE! SAVE HIM! QUICK!

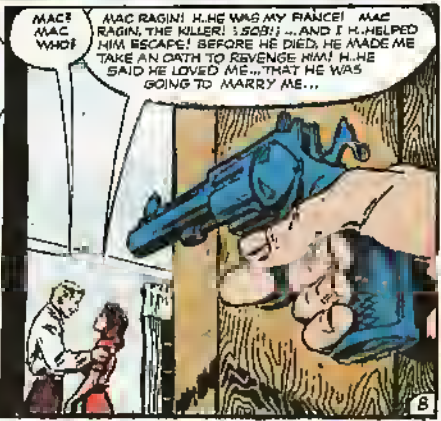


THREE HOURS LATER, IN KING'S APARTMENT...

ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE TO LEAVE YOU WITH YOUR 'RESCUER', JIM?

YES! I'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK HER ALONE!

SOB!... GO AHEAD--SAY IT! I TRIED TO KILL YOU! YES! B. BUT I COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT--BECAUSE I LOVE YOU! I SWORE TO MAC, BUT I COULDN'T KEEP MY PROMISE!



MAC! MAC! WHO?

MAC RAGIN! H. HE WAS MY FANCE! MAC RAGIN, THE KILLER! SOB!... AND I H. HELPED HIM ESCAPE! BEFORE HE DIED, HE MADE ME TAKE AN OATH TO REVENGE HIM! H. HE SAID HE LOVED ME... THAT HE WAS GOING TO MARRY ME...

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HARRY YOU?
RAGIN' RAGIN' IS
MARRIED! I KNOW
HIS WIFE! SHE
TESTIFIED AGAINST
HIM AT HIS TRIAL!
RAGIN' IS A BORN
LIAR!

**HES TELLING THE
TRUTH, BABY, BUT
WE'RE EVENED UP!
YOU DECEIVED ME!
I HEARD WHAT
YOU TOLD KING—
ABOUT NOT GOING
THROUGH WITH THE
BUMP OFF BECAUSE
YOU FELL FOR
HIM!**

**MAC!
N., NO!
IT CAN'T
BE!
YOU'RE
DEAD!**

**THEN MAKE BELIEVE IM A GHOST! Y' SEE, BABY, IT TOOK MORE TO
KILL ME THAN EVEN I THOUGHT! I JUST PASSED OUT FROM LOSS OF
BLOOD! I CAME TO THAT NIGHT! YOU'D CAMOUFLAGED THE CAR
WELL...**

**I CRAWLED
TO A
BARNHOUSE...**

**...HAD NO
TROUBLE GETTIN'
SOMETHIN' TO
EAT AND
WEAR..**

**...FOUND A DOCTOR
AND HAD HIM PATCH ME
UP AT GUN POINT! IT WAS
A BAD FOUR HOURS—
BUT THEY WON'T
REMEMBER IT!**

**I DON'T KNOW IF
IM GOING TO LIVE
VERY LONG AFTER
YOU, KING—BUT
I DON'T CARE! AND
YOU GO WITH HIM,
SUGAR FACE!
UH-UH! DON'T
TRY ANY FUNNY
STUFF WITH
PAPA!**

**I WOULDN'T
STRAIN MYSELF
IF I WERE YOU!
YOU'VE PROBABLY
BUSTED SOME
STITCHES! YOU'RE
LOSING BLOOD
AGAIN!**

OH!!!

**BLOOD?
W-WHERE?**

**EVERYWHERE!
YOU'LL SEE PLENTY
OF IT BEFORE IM
THROUGH!**

CRACK!

OOOH!

SOCK! UGG!

**IF I HADN'T
HELPED MAC
TO ESCAPE,
THERE
WOULDN'T HAVE
BEEN ALL
THIS TROUBLE,
JIM! IM
GUILTY,
TOO!**

**IT WASN'T YOUR
FAULT, GALE! YOU
WERE TRICKED,
CONFUSED—YET
YOU MUST
STAND TRIAL
FOR YOUR PART
IN THIS
TERRIBLE
AFFAIR!**

**LET HER,
BUT YOU
HAVEN'T
GOT ME,
KING!
THOUGHT
I WAS
OUT COLD
H? GUESS
AGAIN!**

**MAC RAGIN
STILL CALLS
THE PLAYS!
NO ELECTRIC
CHAIR FOR
HIM!**

**DON'T
LOOK,
GALE!**

EE EAAA!

LATER...

**REMEMBER THIS, GALE
WHATEVER HAPPENS—
WHATEVER YOU MAY FACE—
WHETHER IT'S A SUSPENDED
SENTENCE OR SOMETHING
LONGER—REMEMBER, I
LOVE YOU! I'LL WAIT
FOR YOU AND
MARRY YOU!**

**OH, JIM,
JIM! NO
MATTER
WHAT
HAPPENS, I'LL
NEVER
FORGET
YOU!**

THERE

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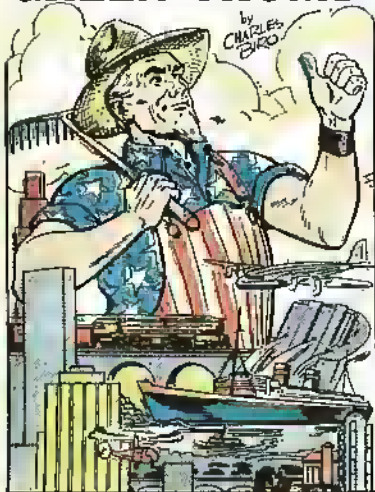
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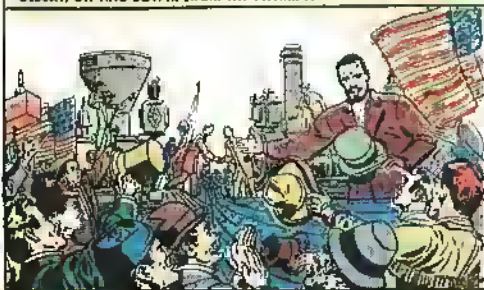
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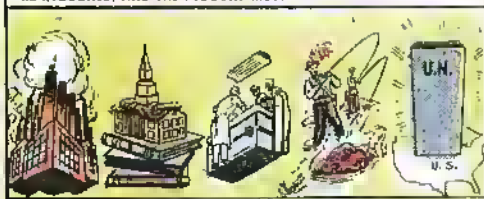
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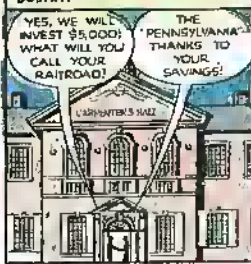
IF WE GET A DROUGHT, SON, THERE'S ENOUGH CORN IN THERE TO TIDE US OVER FOR TWO YEARS!



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WHO KILLED REX GOTHA?

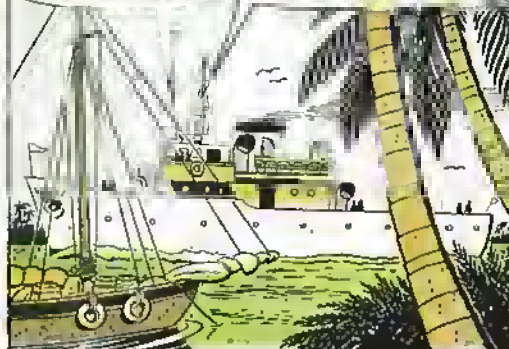


WHAT'S THE IDEA OF PUTTING INTO VALADERO BAY, CAPTAIN? I GAVE YOU ORDERS TO HEAD FOR PORT TRINIDAD!

STORM WARNINGS TAKE PRECEDENCE, MR. GOTHA! LATEST RADIO ORDERS WERE FOR ALL VESSELS TO PUT INTO THE NEAREST HARBOR, AND THIS IS IT!

WHY IS REX GOTHA PUTTING UP A SOLIARK ABOUT HEADIN' INTO VALADERO BAY? YOU KNOW, AND I KNOW KENNEDY, THAT ALL THESE BANANA PORTS ARE ONE AND THE SAME! WHAT'S PORT TRINIDAD GOT THAT VALADERO BAY HASN'T?

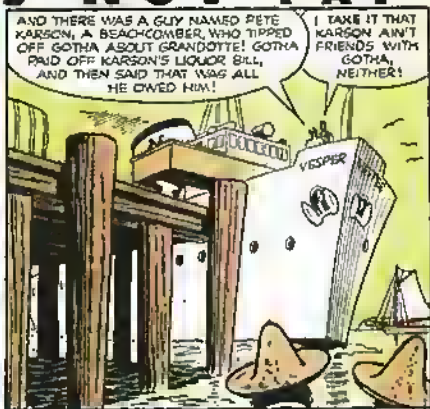
BUT IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND, DICK, AND YOU'LL HAVE THE ANSWER! THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE AT VALADERO BAY OUR MR. GOTHA WOULD RATHER NOT MEET!



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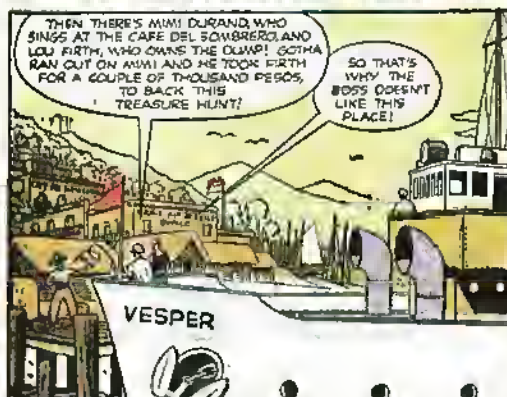


ONE, FOR INSTANCE, IS A SPONGE FISHER NAMED GRANDOTTE, WHO SAILS ONE OF THOSE BOATS OUT THERE! IT WAS GRANDOTTE WHO FOUND THE REEF WITH THE HULK OF THE OLD SPANISH SHIP WHERE WE'VE BEEN HUNTING TREASURE! ONLY GOTHA HASN'T COUNTED GRANDOTTE IN!



AND THERE WAS A GUY NAMED PETE KARSON, A BEACHCOMBER, WHO TIPPED OFF GOTHA ABOUT GRANDOTTE! GOTHA PAID OFF KARSON'S LIQUOR BILL, AND THEN SAID THAT WAS ALL HE OWED HIM!

I TAKE IT THAT KARSON AIN'T FRIENDS WITH GOTHA, NEITHER!



THEN THERE'S MIMI DURAND, WHO SINGS AT THE CAFE DEL SOUVREIRO, AND LOU FIRTH, WHO OWNS THE DUMP! GOTHA RAN OUT ON MIMI, AND HE TOOK FIRTH FOR A COUPLE OF THOUSAND PESOS, TO BACK THIS TREASURE HUNT!

SO THAT'S WHY THE BOSS DOESN'T LIKE THIS PLACE!



I'M GOING ASHORE! IF ANYBODY ASKS FOR ME, YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM OR WHEN I'LL BE BACK! BUT HAVE SOME SANDWICHES READY BY LUNCH TIME!

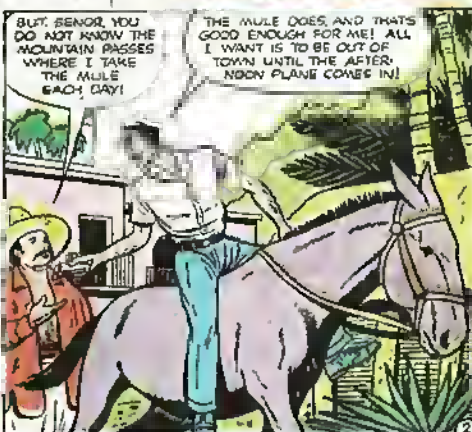
YES, MR. GOTHA!

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THERE'S A PLANE DUE HERE LATE THIS AFTERNOON FROM PORT TRINIDAD! IT SHOULD BE IN AHEAD OF THE STORM!

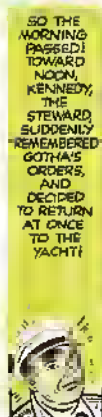
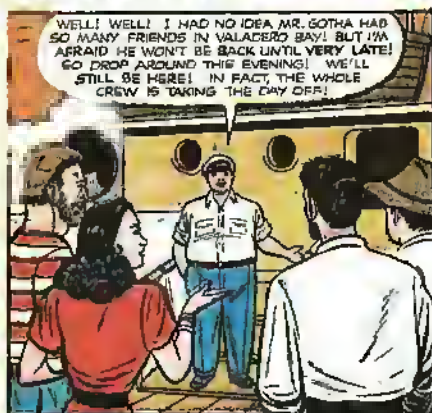
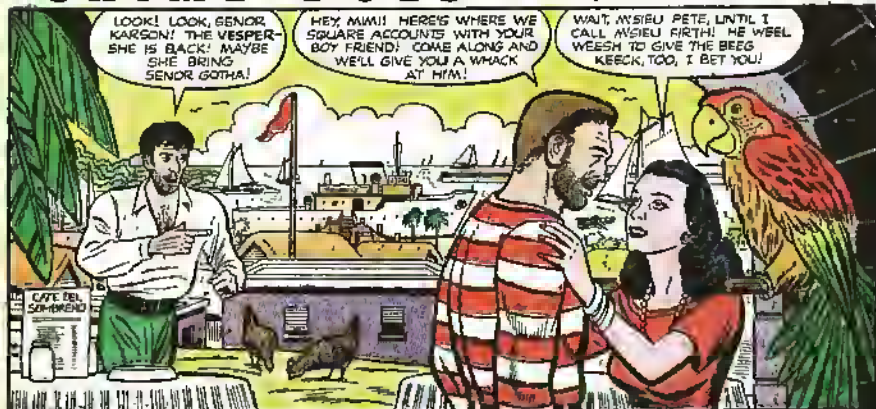
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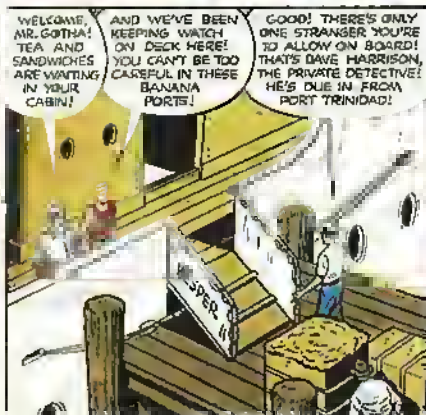
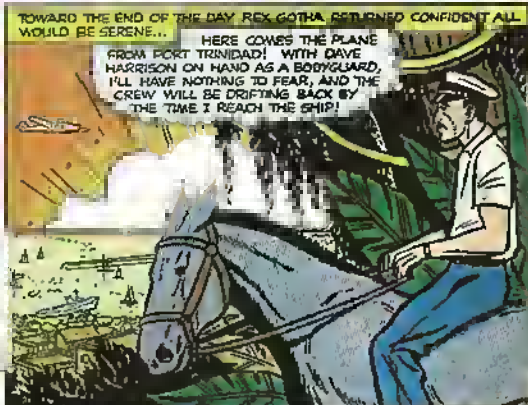
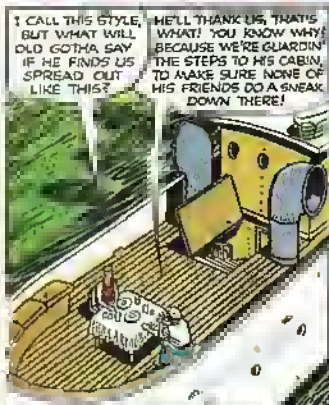
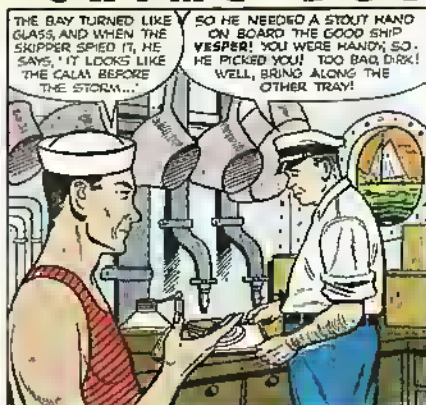
BUT, SENOR, YOU DO NOT KNOW THE MOUNTAIN PASSES WHERE I TAKE THE MULE EACH DAY!

THE MULE DOES, AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! ALL I WANT IS TO BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL THE AFTERNOON PLANE COMES IN!

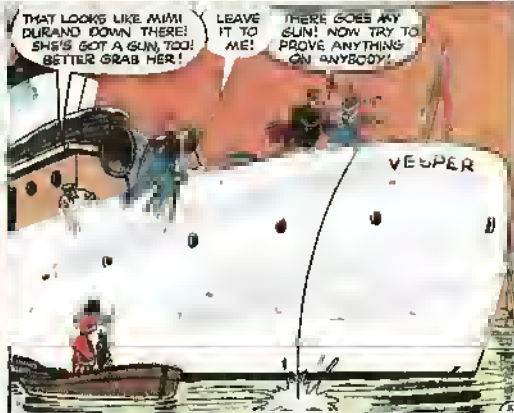
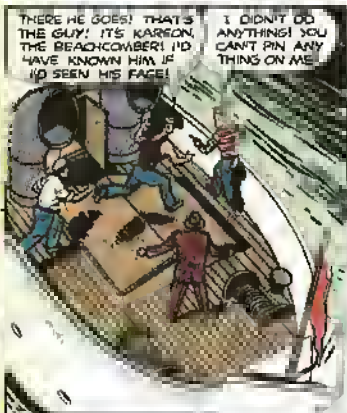
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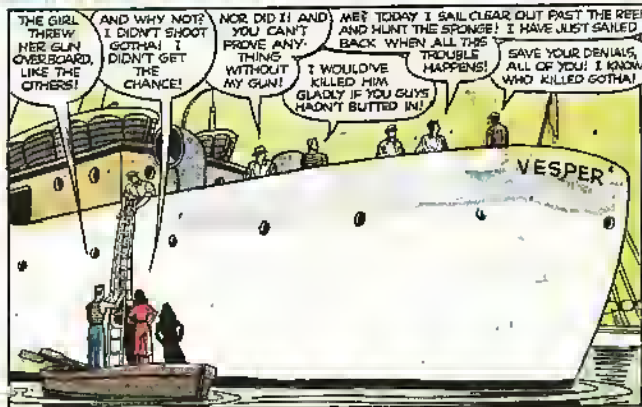
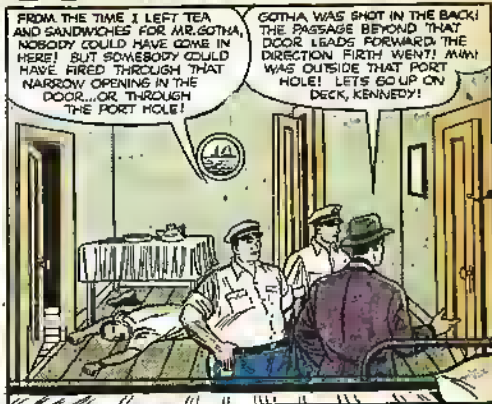
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BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What's a "black mark" is the blackhead... extending in men and girls popular enough to be cheeky about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date, he!" And that's not all that's said of those who are riddled with blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good to close-up!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Silly, I meet lots of girls who look nice at first glance. But if, on their second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's good night!"

Or then, you blame the girl who writes, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's nice about that, you're sure he'll make me up in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR eyes bugging? Well, you've bumped end, and to say, good company. There are lots of other-wise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are... and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them... if they want to!

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Tell your "he-man"... expect of black, gentle, sports of all kinds... who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all shudder at his naivete!

Says they would! But not many dems know eye set up for invisible traps! You can't show off your amazing left hook when only cokes are in the line. The "he-man" who's also ignorant, will get the ladies wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-dos, the men will be sure about blackheads. A little more make-up, the glasses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless she's plenty of cosmetics, maybe! And even good make-up "helps" it a deal! So don't take chances, even though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, sweet hot water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cold water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it — with a SAFER extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, ruptured tissues, & marked skin.

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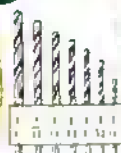
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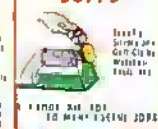
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